Mr. President: Mr. Kumaran Ezhuthassan has given notice of a cut motion. Does he wish to move it?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I move that demand No. 14 "Committees—Allowances" to the extent of Rs. 2,400 be reduced by one rupee. The object of the motion is to request the Government that they may be pleased to print the whole evidence, if possible, or at least extracts of the whole evidence collected by the Tenancy Committee that have been sitting for the last one year nearly, upon the very important question of amending the existing Tenancy Act with its effect upon the recently passed Verumpattamdars Act. I understand that the committee has been doing laborious work throughout the whole period and they have almost come to the very close of their labours. The report I understand, Sir, is being drafted and a draft Bill is also being considered by the committee. The chances are that we may have the draft Bill introduced by Government perhaps during the Budget Session; and the suggestion that is made through this cut motion is that by that time honourable members of this House may be supplied with the collected evidence, if possible wholly and if that is not quite possible consideration being had to various circumstances, the important extracts thereof, so that the members may have the opportunity individually to scrutinise the evidence collected and see how far the report submitted by the very efficient committee, as also their draft Bill is acceptable whether any deviations are necessary and so that we may have opportunity of an independent study of the evidence and not to rely completely and solely upon the report which will certainly be on lines of the useful evidence that has been collected. That is the suggestion. Instances there have been previously also on similar occasions. When the Verumpattam Tenants Bill—non official Bill—was introduced in this Council, it was circulated for opinion being collected from the public and the collected opinion in extenso was got printed by the Government and circulated among the members before the next stage of the Bill came, with the result that the Bill could not be proceeded further. Not that I wish a similar fate may befall the important Bill that is being drafted, but that it may be as effective as possible. That is the object. I hope Government will not have much difficulty in accepting the proposition. It is not intended as a censure upon the Government or intended to be put to vote. It is a suggestion thrown to the Government for their consideration and ap propriate action.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I believe the Honourable Member wished to have the oral evidence as well as the replies received to the questionnaire printed in extenso. With regard to the replies to the questionnaire I think it will be quite enough, if we confine to the extracts, because as the honourable member knows it will be a sheer waste of time and paper. So necessary extracts can also be given Government have no objection to print the oral evidence in full as also to give relevant extracts of the written memorandam received. I do not think that this cut motion should be pressed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* In view of the answer given I do not press the cut motion. If the Council be pleased to grant me leave I beg to withdraw the cut motion.

Cut motion by leave wthdrawn and demand put and carried

16. Rs. 600 under "15—1—Huzur Secretariat—Tour charges"
17. Rs. 1,500 under "15—1—Huzur Secretariat—Travelling allowance for the Diwan and his personal staff"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* I move for Rs. 600—under "15—1—Huzur Secretariat.. Tour charges, and Rs. 1,500 under "15—1—Huzur Secretariat—Travelling allowance for the Diwan and his personal staff". I request that the House may be pleased to vote these two grants.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I move Sir, that the amount of Rs. 1,500 be reduced by Re 1. As stated in cut motion the object is to request the Government that the Diwan may be pleased in his extensive tours to visit the villages also. We are extremely glad, Sir, that our present Diwan is undertaking tours which are very much appriciated in the areas which had been visited by him. But as things stand, the tours have been almost in all cases been limited to important centres only not that I complain about that. But the cut motion is the result of my eagerness to see that the Diwan, a trained British Civilian in whom the idea and the utility of visit in areas and getting into contact with the people is increasing, may be pleased to extend his tours, to the villages too. It is only to throw out that suggestion that I sent up the cut. It may be done as far as possible. It may not be possible for the Diwan to visit all the villages all at once, but the villages may be kept in mind. I am not going to press this cut motion.

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Mr. President: I take it that the Honourable Member has leave of the House to withdraw the motion.

When putting the last supplementary grant of a sum of Rs. 250 under "15—7—Committees —Contingency" which was moved, I omited to put the motion before the House. With your leave I put it now.

Demand put and carried

18. Rs. 2,712 under "39—5—Standard cloth—Establishment"

19. Rs. 1,114 under "39—5—Standard cloth—Dearness allowance"

20. Rs. 125 under "39—5—Standard cloth—Travelling allowance"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* I move for Rs. 2,712 under "39—5—Standard cloth—Establishment", Rs. 1,114 under "39—5—Standard cloth—Dearness allowance" and Rs. 125 under "39—5—Standard cloth—Travelling allowance". These 3 amounts are required in connection with the working of the Cochin Cotton Cloth and Yarn Control Order. Under that scheme several returns have to be submitted to the Textile Commissioner, Bombay and for that purpose a much larger staff than was anticipated had to be appointed. It is to meet the establishment charges T. A. and contingent charges of this staff that these amounts are required. I request that these amounts may be granted.

Demand put and carried

21. Rs. 300 under "15—4—Legislative Council—Salaries—Deputy President"

22. Rs. 75 under "15—4—Legislative Couucil—Miscellaneous"

23. Rs. 463, under "15—4—Legislative Council—Bonus to reporters"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* I move for Rs. 300 under "15—4—Legislative Council—salaries—Deputy President", Rs. 75 under "15—4—Legislative Council—Miscellaneous" and Rs. 463 under "15—4—Legislative Council—Bonus to reporters". The extra grant under salary is required because of the extension of the present Council by one year. When framing the Budget of the current year, provision was made only for ten months and that has now to be further augmented by Rs. 300 for the remaining part of the year. Rs. 75 is on account of miscellaneous charges such as cost of tins, cooly charges and washing of linen. The last item of Rs. 463 due to the increased number of days the reporters had to work. I request that the House may pleased to grant these amounts.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know exactly what amount was being paid to the reporters previously.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Rs. 2—12—0. That is now raised to Rs. 5.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Mr. President, I move that the amount of Rs. 300 for the pay of the Deputy President of the Legislative Council may be deleted. As stated in the Agenda, the cut motion is intended to exhort the Government to dissolve the sitting Legislative Council and order new election fixing a life for it of 5 years. The cut motion, Sir, speaks for itself.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Sir, I rise to a point of order, that this cut motion is out of order, because the period to be fixed for the Legislative Council is the prerogative of His Highness. So, the motion is not in order. The Act gives the period to be fixed and the Act cannot be amended by the Council. Therefore any provision by which the Act comes into question, is out of order.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* This is only a recommendation.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* You cannot discuss the Act. It has fixed a period.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* This Council cannot discuss the provision of the Act. Therefore the last portion has to be deleted.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* In deference to the wishes of my esteemed friend from Mattancheri and the Hon'ble Advocate-General—my position is that it is discussable—I am prepared to respond to the wishes of both my friends and delete the portion "fixing a period of 5 years". I am quite satisfied with the earlier portoin, *viz.*, "To exhort the Government to dissolve the Council and order new elections." As I submitted before, the cut-motion, Sir, speaks for itself. The normal life of this the 5th Council which is important for reasons more than one.....

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